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SUBJECT: KIEV PROPERTIES

1. SUMMARY - PROSPECTIVE ADVANCE PARTY MEMBERS MET JULY 20 WITH UKRAINIAN OFFICIALS FOR FULL REVIEW OF PROPERTY QUESTIONS AND OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST. LAVRUKHIN WAS NOT PRESENT. SOVIETS SHOWED WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO DETAILED EXPLANATION ON NEED FOR INCREASED TERRITORY AT STRELETSKAYA AND PROMISED TO PASS OUR VIEWS TO CITY COUNCIL. RESPONDING TO SOVIET COMPLAINTS OF DELAYS AT FLORENTSIYA AND GORKIY, US SIDE ASSURED THEM GORKY PLANS WERE UNDERWAY AND SHOULD BE AVAILABLE EARLY AUGUST AND INDICATED HOPE THAT RESPONSE ON FLORENTSIYA WOULD BE COMING SHORTLY. UPKK CONFIRMED A PROPOSED INCREASE IN COSTS IN THE FLORENTSIYA CONTRACT. AMERICAN SIDE INDICATED INFORMALLY POSSIBLE PLANS FOR VISIT BY AMBASSADOR TO KIEV IN EARLY AUGUST. ADVANCE PARTY INSPECTED OFFICES AND LIVING QUARTERS AT HOTEL MOSKVA. A PROTOCOL SUMMARIZING TALKS WAS SIGNED JULY 22. END SUMMARY

2. AT MEETING WITH UPKK REPS SACHENKO AND RUDENKO, COUNCIL ON MIN REP PUZIK AND MFA PROTOCOL DEPUTY CHIEF CHECHEL, PORTER REVIEWED STATUS OF KIEV PROPERTIES. RUDENKO ADVISED THERE WOULD BE SOME RUBLES 4,000 IN INCREASED COSTS AT FLORENTSIYA. HE NOTED THAT LETTER AND PROPOSED ADDENDUM TO FLORENTSIYA CONTRACT HAD BEEN FORWARDED TO EMBASSY VIA MF AMOSCOW, BUT HE DID NOT ELABORATE ON DETAILS. PORTER RESPONDED THAT SUCH A PROPOSAL WOULD BE MOST DIFFICULT FOR WASHINGTON TO ACCEPT. PACKAGE OF MATERIALS HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT EMBASSY AND IS BEING TRANSLATED (DETAILS BY SEPTTEL). OUR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INITIAL READING IS THAT SOVIETS HAVE NOT GIVEN DETAILED JUSTIFICATIONS OF INCREASES. RUDENKO DID CONFIRM THAT THE CONTRACT ADDENDUM SPECIFIED THE FLORENTSIYA CONTRACT WOULD RUN FROM THE TIME WORK WAS RESUMED THERE.

3. STRELETSKAYA - PORTER NOTED THAT BOTH SIDES HAD DIFFERING UNDERSTANDINGS AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTED THE COURTYARD AREA OFFERED TO THE US A YEAR AGO. IN ANY CASE, THE SOVIET DELINEATION OF THE BOUNDARIES WAS SOME 20 PERCENT SMALLER THAN WHAT THE US UNDERSTOOD IT WOULD RECEIVE. EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR EQUIVALENT TERRITORY, PORTER INDICATED THREE AREAS WHERE COMPROMISES MIGHT BE REACHED. BYRNES DEMONSTRATED LARGE TRUCK ACCESS AND MANEUVERING ROOM NEEDS WITH SCALE MODEL OF INTERDEAN TRUCK. SOVIETS PAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION, AND WHILE CRITICAL, REQUESTED COPY OF US PLAN OF COMPROMISES FOR STUDY. WHILE NOTING "SOVIET FINAL OFFER" BY MOSCOW MFA, OFFICIALS PROPOSED TO PASS US PLAN TO CITY COUNCIL. IN SUBSEQUENT PROTOCOL, US RATIONALE FOR INCREASED TERRITORY WAS FURTHER SPELLED OUT (ENGLISH TEXT PROTOCOL SEPTTEL; RUSSIAN TEXT POUCHED TO EUR/SOV), BUT SOVIETS REVEALED FOR FIRST TIME THAT FRONT YARD OF STRELETSKAYA 14 IS NOT TO BE PART OF US TERRITORY. PORTER PROTESTED VIGOROUSLY.

4. DACHA - PORTER BROACHED QUESTION OF RECREATION AREA, NOTING THAT ADVANCE PARTY WOULD WELCOME AVAILABILITY OF TEMPORARY REST LOCATION. SOVIETS CONFIRMED THEY WERE THINKING IN TERMS OF A ZAVIDOVO-LIKE COMPLEX, POSSIBLY WITH ONE LARGE BUILDING FOR ALL LOCAL CONSULAR CORPS, ALTHOUGH NOTING CONSULS FAVORED INDIVIDUAL DACHAS AND PLOTS. SOVIETS SAID LACK OF DECISION ON PROJECT MEANT THAT US REQUEST FOR VISIT TO VITA POCHTOVAYA SITE SOUTH OF KIEV "COULD NOT BE APPROVED AT THIS TIME." PORTER EMPHASIZED EARLY RECREATION NEEDS OF AMERICAN STAFF AND SUGGESTED DNIPRO RIVER FRONT BUILDING BE SOUGHT. SOVIETS WERE DUBIOUS BUT TOOK NOTE OF NEEDS.

5. PORTER ASKED IF PRELIMINARY CONTACTS MIGHT BE ARRANGED WITH GASTRONOM, POLYCLINIC AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS SERVING CONSULAR CORPS. SOVIETS AGREED TO FURNISH INFORMATION AND ARRANGE CONTACTS. PORTER ALSO ASKED FOR CALLS ON LOCAL INTOURIST AND FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY DIRECTORS (WHOM HE HAD MET AT EXHIBIT OPENING). MFA REP CHECHEL OBJECTED TO LATTER PROPOSALS AS INAPPROPRIATE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADVANCE PARTY STATUS AND "DEPENDENT ON TREATMENT AFFORDED SOVIET ADVANCE PARTY IN NEW YORK CITY." CHECHEL ADDED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT US ADVANCE PARTY ACTIVITIES WOULD BE LIMITED TO THOSE MATTERS RELATING TO PROPERTIES AND RENOVATIONS. PORTER AGREED, BUT RESPONDED THAT ADVANCE PARTY WOULD LIKE TO BE HELPFUL TO AMERICAN TOURISTS AND DELEGATIONS WITHIN ITS LIMITATIONS, THAT CONTACTS SHOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO BOTH SIDES. DURING PREPARATION OF PROTOCOL JULY 22, CHECHEL SWALLOWED HIS COMPLAINTS AND PROTOCOL

SHOWS NO SOVIET OBJECTIONS TO CONTACT REQUESTS.

6. MOSKVA - RESPONDING TO SOVIET QUERY, PORTER GAVE US ASSENT TO PROPOSED MOSKVA HOTEL ROOM COSTS, SOVIETS PROPOSED TO SIGN CONTRACT AND INDICATED FLEXIBILITY ON TERMS, OFFERING WEEKLY, MONTHLY OR ANNUAL CONTRACT. PORTER NOTED THAT LIVING QUARTERS WOULD BE BEST ON SHORTER TERM, OFFER ON ANNUAL. US REPS INSPECTED TEMPORARY HOTEL QUARTERS JULY 21 IN COMPANY WITH UPKK REP AND CONFIRMED PREVIOUS INDICATIONS OF APPARENT ADEQUACY. UPKK INFORMAL PROPOSAL THAT US REPS OCCUPY MOSKVA RIGHT AWAY WAS TURNED ASIDE.

7. US REPS TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO NOTE AMBASSADOR'S TENTATIVE PLANS TO VISIT KIEV IN EARLY OR MID-AUGUST. SOVIETS SHOWED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND ASKED FOR COMMUNICATION OF AMBASSADOR'S PROPOSED SCHEDULE TO UKRAINIAN MFA VIA MOSCOW MFA ASAP.

8. AT SOVIET INITIATIVE, A PROTOCOL OF DISCUSSIONS WAS DRAFTED JOINTLY AND SIGNED ON JULY 22.

9. PORTER AND BYRNES NOTED PLANS TO RETURN TO KIEV JULY 26-29 AND SOVIETS INDICATED READINESS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS.

10. EMBASSY WILL SEND SEPTTEL SUMMARY OF KIEV PROPERTY ISSUES AND OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESOLUTION OF THEM.  
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